

located in Maries and Osage counties, in Missouri.

I would like to acknowledge the Village of Argyle as its residents prepare to celebrate the milestone of their centennial this upcoming June.

In the beginning of the 20th century, a group of Scottish-Irish surveyors made their way to the Midwest and were preparing to build a rail bed for the St. Louis, Kansas City and Colorado railroad to run between Kansas City and St. Louis. This spurred the formation of a town.

The area, once known as Sanbonfass, after St. Boniface, was named Argyle after a shire in the Isles of Scotland called Argyll. The Village was incorporated in 1908, and the rock island line brought prosperity to the village shortly thereafter. Today the Village is home to about 170 of my constituents, all of whom I know are proud to call Argyle home.

In closing, Madam Speaker, I ask all my colleagues to join me in wishing the residents of the Village of Argyle congratulations on reaching this important milestone.

DAKOTA COMMUNITIES

HON. ERIK PAULSEN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 8, 2009

Mr. PAULSEN. Madam Speaker, recently I met with representatives of Dakota Communities—an award-winning 37 year old non-profit organization that helps people with disabilities realize their potential in their lives and communities.

In Minnesota's Third Congressional District, there are over fifty direct support professionals who have dedicated their careers to working for several group homes. These hard-working, talented men and women have repeatedly demonstrated their dedication to caring for those with disabilities. For their efforts and the positive impact these efforts will have in the lives of so many, I am extremely grateful.

IN MEMORY OF A SOUTH TEXAS HERO, BILL SUMMERS

HON. SOLOMON P. ORTIZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 8, 2009

Mr. ORTIZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor in memoriam the dedication and outstanding leadership of Mr. Bill Summers, who led the Rio Grande Valley Partnerships as its CEO for 20 years until his passing on Monday, December 1.

Mr. Summers, who spent 2 decades promoting South Texas and Mexico, as the two areas worked in unison to attract business opportunities and economic development to the region, was a pillar of South Texas. He was the unsung hero of the Rio Grande Valley, who is credited with bringing together local governments, economic development organizations and Chambers of Commerce to bring jobs and a better way of life to our communities.

Through his vision and tireless work for the Rio Grande Valley, he was able to secure

business opportunities and ventures with Mexico and most importantly, the state of Tamaulipas, which borders Texas. Mr. Summers worked tirelessly to unite the South Texas region and to create economic growth and prosperity for the area.

He was key in establishing, opening and maintaining the first Texas Chamber of Commerce office in Victoria, Tamaulipas, Mexico, to promote trade and tourism of the South Texas region into Mexico.

Through Mr. Summer's work in Texas, the nation and Mexico, he was able to improve the lives of many by growing jobs and pushing for economic opportunities. He was instrumental in the creation of the Rio Grande Valley Mobility Task Force, which brought additional transportation funding to South Texas and pushed for the creation of an interstate highway.

Recently, he was honored when Farm-to-Market Road 1015 between U.S. Highway 83 and the Progreso International Bridge was named the Bill Summers International Boulevard.

Although we have lost a great hero whom we all deeply cared for and loved, I am certain his love and passion for the Rio Grande Valley will remain in our hearts and spirits for years and years to come. We will always remember Mr. Summers as a wise man who worked for the good. We will remember Mr. Summers as a man who could do it all.

Today, I ask that my colleagues join me in commemorating the life of Mr. Bill Summers, who served this nation with dignity, honor, respect and admiration.

CLEAN AIR AND WATER INVESTMENT ACT OF 2009

HON. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 8, 2009

Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Clean Air and Water Investment Act of 2009. This legislation will restore tax exempt bonding for air and water pollution control facilities.

Prior to the 1986 revision to the tax code, state authorized agencies and political subdivisions were permitted to administer tax exempt bonds to finance "air and water pollution control facilities." The program proved so effective that even facilities that were grandfathered, and not subject to clean air standards, were proactive participants, providing cleaner air and water for our communities.

As we continue to look for ways to assist businesses and local governments in their efforts to reduce pollution, these bonds provide an affordable solution that will put people to work while providing cleaner and healthier communities. This bill would restore a proven incentive for industry to invest in cleaner air and water. Importantly, because it falls under a pre-existing spending cap, this legislation will present no new liability to the U.S. Treasury.

Members on opposite sides of the aisle frequently may differ on many issues before this body, but this is not one of them. I am pleased to be working on this bill with Congressman KEVIN BRADY of Texas, a fellow Congressional baseball aficionado. Congressman BRADY has

been working on this issue for many years now, and I look forward to collaborating with him and seeing this bill signed into law.

I urge my colleagues to consider support this important legislation.

HONORING WILLIAM S. DALTON,
PH.D., M.D.

HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 8, 2009

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor William S. Dalton, Ph.D., M.D. for his commitment to the fight against cancer and his participation at the Tony Snow Cancer Symposium in The Villages, Florida, on January 21. Hosted by the Caring and Sharing Villagers and the Alliance Healthcare Foundation, the Tony Snow Cancer Symposium is intended to raise funds for the creation of a \$25 million Cancer Center next to Leesburg Regional Hospital and promote awareness in our community.

Dr. Dalton currently serves as the President/Chief Executive Officer and Center Director at the H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center & Research Institute in Tampa, Florida. The Moffitt Cancer Center is regarded as one of the top cancer facilities in the United States. With two decades of cancer research and contributions to over 200 publications, including the Journal of the American Medical Association and the Journal of the National Cancer Institute, Dr. Dalton has established himself as an expert in the fight against cancer.

Recognized as a "Best Doctor in America" since 1993, Dr. Dalton's primary areas of research include biochemical mechanisms of drug resistance, new drug discovery and the biology and treatment of multiple myeloma. He was also instrumental in obtaining the Molecular Oncology, Mopp, grant of \$5 million for the Moffitt Cancer Center in 2000.

Madam Speaker, individuals such as William S. Dalton should be recognized for their sincere dedication to improving the health and quality of life for people all over the world. With the passing of my husband Harvey to pancreatic cancer, I can personally attest to the affects of cancer on both a person and their family. I sincerely appreciate the work that Dr. Dalton has done and wish him further success in his medical endeavors.

IN RECOGNITION OF CHEROKEE COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL WINNING THE ALABAMA 3A STATE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 8, 2009

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I would like to request the House's attention today to pay recognition to the Piedmont High School football team in Piedmont, Alabama, who won the 2009 Alabama 3A State Football Championship.

On December 3, the Piedmont Bulldogs defeated Cordova High School by a score of 35-28 at Bryant-Denny Stadium in Tuscaloosa,